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**To:** John Ashcroft  
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**Subject:** RE: Microsoft Settlement

BlankDear General Ashcroft:

Please read the attached letter.  
Thank you, and sincerely yours,

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear General Ashcroft:

The purpose of my letter is to express my support for Microsoft in the three-year antitrust dispute. Microsoft is a company that I admire, and whose products I use daily, both for my business as well as in my private life. Microsoft has contributed a great deal to our society and daily lives; stifling this company will not benefit anyone. I urge you to support the settlement reached in November. I also think it is disgusting that Mr. Blumenthal and several other states' Attorney Generals are still pursuing this case.

This settlement is fair and reasonable. Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non- Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. Microsoft also has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows. Additionally, Microsoft has agreed to be monitored for compliance. In my opinion, Microsoft has done nothing that has hurt me as a consumer and as the owner of a small business.

Since a settlement has been reached between both parties, I see no reason to prolong this dispute. Our nation's resources, especially at this time, should be devoted to more important issues. I think that you, personally, as well as your staff, are doing a great job for our country! Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Fred H. Greenwood